

THE CHATTANOOGA NEWS

French Line Brought Forward Four Miles

BATTLE FOR ROYE NEARS CLIMAX

Village Vassens Captured on
Line of New Drive
Launched Monday.

HUNS BOMBARD NANCY

Six Civilians Killed, Scores In-
jured—Surprise Enemy At-
tack Defeated.

London, Aug. 20.—(4:25 p.m.)—
Gen. Mangin's Tenth French
army, attacking on a 15-mile
front this afternoon, has captured
Bellefontaine and Courtil and ad-
vanced the allies' line for four
miles, the International News Ser-
vice learned this evening. The
French are attacking on a line
from Tracy-le-Val to Courtil.

London, Aug. 20.—Roya station has
been occupied by the French, accord-
ing to late dispatches from the front.
The French have been approaching
Roya for several days and are believed
to be fighting throughout the outskirts
of the town. Capt. Mangin's Tenth
army, which has not been an-
nounced.

Surprise Attack Failed.—Push-
ing ahead along the line with an off-
ensive yesterday, French troops have
captured the village of Vassens, between
the Oise and Aisne, the war office
announced today. (Vassens lies ten
miles northwest of Soissons and about
three miles northwest of Nouvron-
Vingre captured yesterday by the
French.)

There were reciprocal battles in the
region of Lassigny and Drenlincourt,
west of the Oise.

A German aerial bombardment of
Nancy was carried out. Six of the
civilian population were killed and a
score injured, the statement added.
A surprise attack by the enemy west
of Malon-de-Champagne was with-
out result.

British troops, it is unofficially re-
ported here, have captured Bois Brac-
quet and Bois de la Chapelle in a live
attack north of Roye. Southwest of
Roye the British troops have swept
the Germans from the greater part of
Beuvraignes and are progressing to
the southeast.

Laassigny Virtually Held.—Laassigny
has virtually been taken by the
French, latest dispatches from the
front say, and the town is now un-
tenable.

The French attack north of the
Aisne is developing rapidly, the report
said, an advance of two miles being
made this morning.

Hundreds of prisoners were cap-
tured and important high ground oc-
cupied by the French.

CAPTAIN OF U-BOAT SEEN IN NEW YORK SALOON

Recognized by American Naval
Officer but Makes Quick
Get-Away.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The U-boat
hunted today had extended to dry
land.

Navy department officials generally
credited the report that an American
seaman had seen in a New York saloon
the captain of the submarine upon
which he had been taken following the
sinking of his vessel off the Atlantic
coast. And as a result, it became
known today, a net is being spread at
Atlantic ports that may bring about
the capture of the Hun should they
attempt again to make shore.

The American captain was positive
in his identification of the German. In
fact, the recognition was mutual, he
declared, and the American's surprise
undoubtedly was responsible for the
German's escape.

"I was so surprised that for a mo-
ment I couldn't open my mouth," he
is understood to have told navy de-
partment officials.

"The next minute he had disap-
peared."

It was learned today that officials
for some time have felt, practically
certain that German submarines were
in communication with the shore and
that it was not impossible that mem-
bers of the crew have at various times
come to the shore. It is known that
the submarines are equipped with col-
apsible rowboats, and these were un-
doubtedly used to bring them to land.

It is now fairly well established that
the raids off coast have been con-
ducted by three U-boats, and that they
are of the cruising, or Deutschland,
type, having a sailing radius of 17,000
miles. They are equipped with a gun
and are able to make a 300-foot
long. At least one of them is known
to be equipped as a cable cutter, fol-
lowing the severing of two southern
cables. The cutting of cables is more
a source of annoyance to the navy. It
was pointed out that anything more
serious. The fact that there is a break
becomes apparent at once, and then it
is a matter of comparatively short
time before the break is located and the
ends of the cable spliced together.

During the repeated raids the dam-
age done by the submarines has been
negligible, officials pointed out today.
A few small vessels have been sent to
the bottom, and two of these have
been salvaged. A lightship has been
shelled and two cables cut. But the
fact that it is now practically ac-
cepted that members of the crews have
been coming ashore has aroused the navy
department to redouble its efforts to
stamp out the pest. And, if submarine
commanders have been flashed infor-
mation from land, it was pointed out
that the sources of their information
undoubtedly would be revealed if they
attempted to make a practice of com-
ing ashore.

U. S. OFFICERS HURT IN
AUTO ACCIDENT IN FRANCE
Paris, Aug. 20.—Maj. Baker and a
lieutenant attached to Gen. Pershing's
staff, were seriously injured today
when their automobile crashed into an
ox cart and overturned. They were
hurled to the ground.

CHIEF AGENT OF KAISER, SERIOUSLY ILL, HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO JAIL



Capt. Franz von Rintelen, a con-
victed German spy and one of the most
active German agents in this country,
has been seriously ill at the Tombs
prison in New York that he was or-
dered transferred to the Essex county
New Jersey, penitentiary by Atty-
Gen. Gregory, in the hope that the
change would prove beneficial. The
German government has persistently
displayed an interest in Von Rintelen.
Last May Germany offered to exchange
for him Siegfried Paul London, held
in Germany as a spy.

MANGIN MENACES CROWN PRINCE

French in Position to Attack
From West Flank North
to Aisne.

AMERICANS POUND HUNS

Artillery Active Around Fismes
Bridgehead and Heights
South of River.

With the American Army on the
Aisne-Vesle front, Aug. 19.—(Night).
—Advance by Gen. Mangin's Tenth
French army north of the Aisne, be-
tween Tracy-le-Val and Fontenoy, has
provided a serious menace to the crown
prince's line along the Vesle, placing
the French in a position to attack
from the west flank north of the Aisne
and roll up the German troops south
of the river.

Artillery fire has been intermittently
active along the whole Vesle front.
Krupp 4-inchers are harassing the
roads and back areas. Field pieces
are maintaining an incessant gas shell-
ing.

In the regions around Fismette and
Fismes bridgehead, about the
heights south of the river, American
batteries, particularly heavy, are
pounding enemy positions continually.
Patrols are active, snatching prisoners
here and there and identifying newly
arrived divisions.

French Take 500 Huns.—Gen.
Mangin's advance between the Aisne
and Oise continues, the International
News service learned today. Between
6 o'clock and 9 o'clock this morning
the French troops captured 500 pris-
oners.

The entire German line in the Sois-
sons sector is endangered as a result
of the French successes of the past
two days.

Military experts here will not be
surprised if the Germans withdraw
clear back to the Chemin-des-Dames,
which lies beyond the Aisne river.

Gen. Mangin attacked at 7:10 this
morning on a ten-mile front, and ad-
vanced to the maximum depth of two
miles. His captures included Vassens
wood as well as the village. The Ger-
mans resisted desperately in this sector.

The French are now five miles from
Noyon.

The battle line now runs from Belle-
fontaine to hill 153, and from there
to a mile north of Blerancourtelle, to
Lacroixville. Vassens wood, then a
mile north of Vassens village to Far-
rems farm, then to the north of Mer-
sain, midway between Tardiers and
Nouvron-Vingre, Villers-la-Roos, and
thence to the plateau north of Oisy
and to Courtil.

The entire German line north of
Soissons may be turned now, it is be-
lieved, by military experts. Gen.
Humbert's troops yesterday advanced
a mile down the slope between Wres-
nieres and the Oise river, reaching
Thiescourt, which lies southeast of
Lassigny.

BRITISH BRING DOWN SIX GERMAN PLANES

Sixteen Tons Bombs Dropped
Behind German Lines—One
British Plane Lost.

London, Aug. 20.—Six German planes
have been shot down by British avi-
ators, the air ministry announced.
One British plane was lost.

Sixteen tons of bombs have been
dropped behind the German lines.

AIR MAIL SERVICE
ESTABLISHED IN GREECE

Daily Delivery Promised Be-
tween Athens and Saloniki
During Present Week.

Paris, Aug. 20.—An air mail service
between Athens and Saloniki will be
inaugurated this week. The "air post"
will give a daily service between the
two cities and at a cost of only 6 cents
a letter.

HUNDREDS DIE IN PETROGRAD RIOT

Workmen Parade Streets, De-
crying Germans and
Bolsheviks.

CZECHO-SLOVAKS RETIRE

Forces in Siberia Hard Pressed
by Enemy—Japanese
En Route to Aid.

London, Aug. 20.—Terrible food riots
have taken place in Petrograd, accord-
ing to an Exchange telegraph dispatch
today from Petrograd via Berlin and
Amsterdam. Workmen paraded the
streets shouting "away with the Ger-
mans," and "away with the Kremlin."
(Bolshevik headquarters in Moscow.)
Serious clashes occurred in front of
the Smolny institute in Petrograd be-
tween rioting workmen and the Lettish
guard which composes the chief mili-
tary support of Lenin and Trotsky.

There were hundreds of casualties.
Martial law has been proclaimed by
the Bolsheviks in Petrograd.

A portion of the Petrograd popula-
tion is reported to have asked the
Germans to help them oust the Bolshe-
vik government.

Japanese reinforcements are enroute.
The Japanese also have landed detach-
ments at Nikolaisk.

Von Hintze to Speak.—Admiral Paul
von Hintze, German secretary for for-
eign affairs, according to a dispatch
from Amsterdam to the Daily Express,
is expected to make a statement of
decisive importance regarding Russia
before the main committee of the
League of Nations tomorrow.

Considerable importance is attached to
the report because Von Hintze has just
returned from a conference with the
kaiser at German headquarters.

Blow Up Talk.—Amsterdam, Aug. 20.—It is officially
reported from Volodarsk, the cor-
respondent at Moscow of the Rheinische
Westfalsche Zeitung of Essen, that
the entire allied troops in the Arch-
angel sector are ordered to leave
have withdrawn outside the range of
the Bolshevik artillery.

Soviet troops are reported to have
blown up the Balkan tunnel of the
Trans-Siberian railway.

U. S. TO FORCE ISSUE ON WESTERN FRONT

America's Effort Promises to
Transform Military Situation.

Great Things Next Year.
(By Lieut.-Col. Repington.)

London.—(Copyright, N. Y. World).
—I admire the manner in which Amer-
ica places her military cards on the
table and interests the whole of her
people in the immense task which is
in process of successful completion.

There is something fine in the con-
temptuous indifference with which
America regards the reply which Ger-
many may make to American prepara-
tions. And I think America is right
because, unless Germany can recruit
in Russia, I do not think she can make
any reply at all.

Not Doing Things by Halves.—
Gen. Peyton March, the con-
siderable experience in France is now
at the disposal of President Wilson,
is not doing things by halves. Amer-
ica has already, by an effort of un-
paralleled magnitude, sent a million
and a half of her splendid fighting
men to France, and if the manpower
bill passes, what she proposes to do
by her own exertions alone is to equal,
if not surpass, the American results,
the effect which Germany was able
to produce in the west when she was
at the zenith of her strength last
March.

Very fully indeed has America re-
sponded to the calls of her comrades
in arms, and we have every reason to
believe that the technical equipment
in all parts of her vast forces will be
up to the standard of the existing
equipment of modern war.

Some people still imagine that 2-
600,000 Americans mean 3,000,000 bay-
onets, and one of the most difficult
things in this war has been to con-
vince people unversed in military af-
fairs that aggressive strength and
fighting strength are two very differ-
ent things. It is best to regard the
eighty divisions of next June and the
number of bayonets and guns which
they will effectively employ.

force of America, and to remember
that the 2,000,000 aggregate figures in-
clude drafts for the first battles, and
all the enormous administrative ma-
chinery behind the lines.

America to Force Issue.
But, even so, American effort prom-
ises to transform completely the mili-
tary situation in the west, providing
we can last out the next three months,
and it gives promise of great things
next year.

I can see no good military reasons
why we should not now publish the
ordre de bataille of the British armies,
nor why our intelligence service should
not publish every week or so a dia-
gram giving the German dispositions.

I can see no reason why our people
should not know what every German
staff officer knows, and I should like
to see the names of our commanders
and a short record of the history of
each division put down for the public
to read. President Wilson's policy, so
say the pundits, calls for the concen-
tration of the American forces on the
western front, and here America
means to force the issue and win. "In
hoc signo vinces."

GERMANY ADMITS PENETRATION
Berlin, via London, Aug. 20.—Pen-
etration by the entire allied forces in
the western part of Bouvraignes is ad-
mitted in the official statement of the
war office yesterday. The statement
admits that the German line has been
broken northward of Lassigny, where
the statement says, while the Ger-
man forces northwest of Roye.

BOMBS MORE EFFECTIVE.

Washington, Aug. 20.—"Three
tons of explosives dropped on
Vienna are more effective than
three tons of leaflets," was the
answer of D'Annunzio, Italian
post-aviator, hero of the re-
cent propaganda-bombing of
the Austrian capital in an an-
swer to a summons from Rome
to appear before a court of honor
for his exploit, Rome cables to
the Italian embassy this after-
noon said.

HOLD POSITIONS AT ALL COSTS

Orders Issued Regarding Noyon
and Lassigny From Impe-
rial Headquarters.

LOSS WOULD BE FATAL

Prussian Guard Sent to Bolster
Up Fast-Weakening Line.
Shock Troops Used.

Paris, Aug. 20.—"Hold Noyon and
Lassigny at all cost."
This is the order that has been
passed from German imperial head-
quarters to commanders at both points
—to hold Noyon and Lassigny, the
capture of which by the allies would
force a speedy retreat of the Huns
along the Noyon front.

In several of the Prussian guard to
bolster up the fast weakening line, the
choicest of picked Bavarian troops
are selected. Crown Prince Rupprecht
is using up all the shock troops he had
reserved for the "grand offensive."

The allied troops, however, refuse to
be denied, and there are many tales
of extraordinary bravery and gal-
lantry. Many officers, with only a
handful of men, have captured a Ger-
man trench. Once thirty machine
gunners were taken in this manner.

ALLIES OWE GAINS TO
TRANSATLANTIC ALLY

Says Gen. Von Blume—Profes-
sional Soldiers Not Belit-
tling American Army.

Amsterdam, Aug. 20.—Professional
soldiers like Generals Von Blume and
Von Liebert, unlike so many other war
crisis, do not seek to belittle the
significance of the appearance of the
American army on the western front.

Gen. Von Blume, who is on the re-
tired list, writes an article on the sub-
ject which appears in the Rheinische
Westfalsche Zeitung of Essen. He
frankly admits that "we have to re-
cognize that the Americans, all in all,
have done very smart work and it
would be a very serious thing if the
German army command had to face
the American army on the western front."

Gen. Von Liebert, who was former
German commandant at Lodz and who
now is military critic of the Tagessche-
itung of Berlin, writes in the same
paper that the American army has actu-
ally become a fact and the debarkation
in France are proceeding regularly.

Gen. Von Liebert laments the
parallelism of the German and Amer-
ican offensives, which brought the
Americans to the front and says,
"The French and British owe their re-
cent successes to their transatlantic
ally, without whom their offensive
would have been doomed to disappoint-
ment."

SCHWAB WANTS SHIP
BUILDING PLANS SPEEDED

Advocates Management of Yards Be
Collective Rather Than
Individual.

Philadelphia, Aug. 20.—In an effort
to speed up the government's ship-
building program, Charles M. Schwab,
after a conference with representatives
of all the Atlantic coast steel ship-
yards, said that the direction and man-
agement of the yards hereafter would
be collective rather than individual
and that piecework would be adopted
as the wage basis. More than ninety
shipyard officials attended the confer-
ence, which Mr. Schwab described as
a "get-together and speed-up" meet-
ing.

The changes of wages, of working
conditions and all other improvements
that are brought about in one yard
will be introduced in all the other
plants, said Mr. Schwab. "What we
need in one case will be adopted in
all."

The consensus of opinion as to why
the yards of the east are behind those
of the Great Lakes and the Pacific
coast was that the eastern yards
either are newly organized or are
working on ships of a great variety
of design, while the yards of the west
have been in existence for some time
and are building ships of only one de-
sign. It is not a question of labor or
management. The men and manage-
ment of the Atlantic coast yards are
equally as good.

Everything was harmonious at the
meeting and every one present was
anxious to do all possible to increase
the production of their yards, said Mr.
Schwab.

FAIR, SAYS BILLY 'POSSUM

I have won-
dered ever since
I opened my eyes
to the world named
the Pullman car
sleepers; but now
I know, and I
learned it by
chance, it's the
same man who
named the towns
in France.

The weather?
Fair tonight and
Wednesday; not much change in tem-
perature.

MAJ. M'CHORD ASSIGNED
TO PARK FIELD, MEMPHIS.

Memphis, Aug. 20.—Maj. William F.
McChord, who was assigned to com-
mand Park Field here, when Maj.
W. P. Jernigan was ordered to Wash-
ington, has arrived from Ellington
Field, Houston, Texas, and taken
charge.

CAPTAIN THINKS HE SANK U-BOAT

Navy Announces Ramming of
Submarine by American
Vessel Off Virginia.

BOW BADLY DAMAGED

Gun Crew of British Tanker
Sent Enemy Craft to Bot-
tom, Report.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The ramming
and possible sinking of a German sub-
marine by an American steamer near
Winter Quarters shoals, off the Vir-
ginia coast, has been reported by the
captain of the steamer, the navy de-
partment announced this afternoon.
The encounter occurred on Aug. 17.
The vessel struck the submarine off
the port bow, bringing her alongside.
The crew of the submarine then hailed
the vessel, said the captain, saying
they were friends of mine, "the
captain said he had replied when he
heard their voices, which had a strong
German accent."

He then put his ship on her course.
The captain believes the submarine
then sank.

The steamer is now in port with a
badly damaged bow and with a quan-
tity of water in her hold to bear out
the captain's story. The name of the
vessel was not revealed.

Chief Mate's Story.—An Atlantic
400-foot enemy submarine was sunk by
the crew of a British tanker which
reached here last night, according to
the story told today by John Crosby,
chief mate of the former, from his bed
in a hospital where he is being treated
for shock.

Crosby is said to be in a serious
condition. The engagement took place
last Friday.

"The second mate was on the bridge
about 3 o'clock in the afternoon,"
Crosby said. "There was never any
evidence of any craft around but he
caught the streak made by a torpedo
coming toward the tanker. He yelled
and the ship was thrown out of her
course. The torpedo missed by a few
feet. Every man was on deck by that
time, but he saw nothing of the U-
boat that started the torpedo toward
us."

Zigzagged and Dodged.—
"What we did see was another tor-
pedo. We zigzagged, dodging the tor-
pedo just as prettily as could be. It
went by us. Then the submarine
came out of the water with her guns
ready. She was all of 400 feet long
and could make eighteen knots an
hour. Our boat was good for eleven
and one-half knots, but we began to
go with the U-boat coming behind.
She opened up with her guns and the
fight started."

"I was acting as spotter for the
gunner, calling the shells as they
kicked up the water about the U-boat.
Our twenty-six inch took a sub-
marine right. She did not blow up
with a bang. What she did was to
swing around and drift broadside on.
We did not slow down but made for
port as swiftly as we could travel. I
saw our shot destroyed the enemy
craft."

HUNS ABANDON HOPE OF
DRIVING ON TO SEACOAST

Withdrawal in Merville Sector
Final Link in Chain of
Failures.

With the British Army in France,
Aug. 20.—By withdrawing their forces
in the Merville sector of the Lys salient,
the Germans definitely have
given up one of the points from which
a drive for Calais logically would be
launched. This is taken to indicate
that the German high command has
been forced to abandon hope of
reaching the coast, and now
perhaps is vitally concerned with
retreating the German lines back to a place
of greater security. The withdrawal
has been expected for some time
and it continued last night and today
even on a slightly broader front than
that of yesterday. The retirement
of the German forces in the Merville
sector is the final link in the chain of
failures which the British army has
inflicted on the German army by driving
through to the sea.

Suffered Casualties.—
Other with news continue and the
British, taking advantage of the Ger-
mans' hurried withdrawal, have at various
places pushed forward where the enemy has
left small enclaves. The British also
have bettered their position in places
where he was not quite ready to re-
treat, such as between Valenciennes
and the Valenciennes-Baillet railway,
where a local operation gained all the
objectives, the British advancing their
positions some distance and capturing
an officer and 151 of other ranks.

South of the Somme river the Brit-
ish also further advanced their posi-
tions, while their positions south of the
River Somme were improved by local
attacks. An enemy attack which de-
veloped here yesterday was a com-
plete failure in every respect. The Ger-
mans suffered heavy casualties.

Line Completely Restored.—
While the Germans managed to
penetrate the British positions of two
days they were quickly hurled out
and the line this morning was com-
pletely restored. Not a single foot of
ground was gained by the enemy.

Between the Somme and the Aisne
rivers the British line have been
steadily improved in the last few days
and last night the positions of the
enemy west of Bray were successfully
retreated.

Aside from a desire to get out of the
ground which had been extremely un-
profitable for them to hold, the where
the British, by reason of their supe-
rior positions, are able to pound them
day and night, the Germans in retir-
ing possibly have another motive,
namely, to establish a strategic de-
fense against the operations of the
tanks should they anywhere be at-
tacked by the British.

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Field, Houston, Texas, and taken
charge.

SLAIN "ACE"



Capt. J. B. McCudden, champion of
the British aces, has been killed on the
western front by the fall of his ma-
chine from a low altitude just after
leaving the hangar. He was only 22
years old, had more than fifty-four air
victories to his credit, and had won all
the military decorations.

DRY AMENDMENT SET FOR MONDAY

Leaders Hopeful of Passage by
a Margin of Fifteen
Votes to Spare.

WINE MAY BE EXPECTED

Proposition, Shall There Be
Prohibition for Period of War,
Will Be Little Debated.

Washington, Aug. 20.—(I. N. S.)—
Passage of the prohibition amendment
to the emergency agricultural propo-
sition bill by the middle of next
week, with a margin of fifteen votes
to spare, was predicted by "dry" lead-
ers in the senate today.

The prohibition amendment will be
called up for action Monday under the
senate agreement, but if the admin-
istration manpower bill has not been
passed by that time, it will be laid aside
temporarily. The indications were to-
day that the measure will move up
passed by Saturday night, leaving the
way clear for prohibition on Monday.

On a test vote on prohibition before
the senate passed the vote stood 30
to 38, giving the prohibitionists a ma-
jority of three. The test came when
the president in the senate ruled pro-
hibition amendment was not in or-
der as it was not a revenue measure.

The amendment in its present form
would halt the manufacture of beer
and wine Nov. 1, and the sale of all
alcoholic beverages Jan. 1. The drys
announced today that they are pre-
pared to accept amendments that
would extend the time three months—
stopping the brewing of beer and wine
Feb. 1, and the sale of all liquor April 1.

Thus the drys will set a march on
the wets if the extension amendments
are adopted. Antiprohibitionists have
insisted that six months should be al-
lowed after Jan. 1 for the liquidation
of liquor properties. Adopting the
amendments would cut the term of
grace in half.

It is considered that the house will
adopt the amendment in whatever
form the senate approves it and with
a much larger majority. The lower
body in June adopted a much more
radical prohibition provision—the Han-
dall amendment—which would have
attempted to coerce the president into
issuing a prohibition proclamation.

Senator Phelan will offer an amend-
ment to the provision agreed upon by
the agricultural committee, excepting
wine from its provisions. This will
lead to much debate, and there is a
possibility that it will be adopted, al-
though the drys insist they have the
votes to beat it.

The general proposition of whether
there shall be prohibition for the
period of the war will be little debated.
Only a small part of Monday's session,
if prohibition is taken up on that day,
will be given over to it. A vote prob-
ably will be reached by the following
evening.

Several amendments extending the